



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7109**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOL  
PROGRAM FUNDING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10-264~~l~~ of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2019*):

4 (c) (1) The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school  
5 program, except those described in subparagraphs (A) to (G),  
6 inclusive, of subdivision (3) of this subsection, shall be eligible to  
7 receive per enrolled student who is not a resident of the town  
8 operating the magnet school shall be (A) six thousand sixteen dollars  
9 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, (B) six thousand seven  
10 hundred thirty dollars for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, to June  
11 30, 2012, inclusive, [and] (C) seven thousand eighty-five dollars for the  
12 fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2019, inclusive, and  
13 (D) seven thousand two hundred twenty-seven dollars for the fiscal  
14 year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter. The per  
15 pupil grant for each enrolled student who is a resident of the town  
16 operating the magnet school program shall be (i) three thousand  
17 dollars for the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, 2019,  
18 inclusive, and (ii) three thousand sixty dollars for the fiscal year ending  
19 June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter.

20 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year  
21 thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations,  
22 provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing  
23 educational programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the  
24 commissioner determines. Such grants shall be made after the  
25 commissioner has conducted a comprehensive financial review and  
26 approved the total operating budget for such schools, including all  
27 revenue and expenditure estimates.

28 (3) (A) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (G),  
29 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated  
30 by a regional educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five  
31 per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per  
32 pupil grant in the amount of (i) six thousand two hundred fifty dollars  
33 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, (ii) six thousand five hundred  
34 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, (iii) seven thousand  
35 sixty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, (iv) seven  
36 thousand six hundred twenty dollars for the fiscal years ending June  
37 30, 2009, to June 30, 2012, inclusive, [and] (v) seven thousand nine  
38 hundred dollars for the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2013, to June  
39 30, 2019, inclusive, and (vi) eight thousand fifty-eight dollars for the  
40 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter.

41 (B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (G),  
42 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated  
43 by a regional educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five  
44 per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per  
45 pupil grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the  
46 district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students in  
47 the amount of (i) six thousand sixteen dollars for the fiscal year ending  
48 June 30, 2008, (ii) six thousand seven hundred thirty dollars for the  
49 fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, to June 30, 2012, inclusive, [and] (iii)  
50 seven thousand eighty-five dollars for the fiscal [year] years ending  
51 June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2019, inclusive, and (iv) seven thousand two  
52 hundred twenty-seven dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020,

53 and each fiscal year thereafter. The per pupil grant for each enrolled  
54 student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five  
55 per cent of the school's students shall be three thousand one hundred  
56 fifty dollars.

57 (C) (i) For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2015, [and each  
58 fiscal year thereafter] to June 30, 2019, inclusive, each interdistrict  
59 magnet school operated by a regional educational service center that  
60 began operations for the school year commencing July 1, 2001, and that  
61 for the school year commencing July 1, 2008, enrolled at least fifty-five  
62 per cent, but no more than eighty per cent of the school's students from  
63 a single town, shall receive a per pupil grant [(i)] (I) for each enrolled  
64 student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five  
65 per cent, but no more than eighty per cent of the school's students, up  
66 to an amount equal to the total number of such enrolled students as of  
67 October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the amount of eight  
68 thousand one hundred eighty dollars, [(ii)] (II) for each enrolled  
69 student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five  
70 per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of the school's students, in  
71 an amount greater than the total number of such enrolled students as  
72 of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the amount of three  
73 thousand dollars, [(iii)] (III) for each enrolled student who is not a  
74 resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no  
75 more than eighty per cent of the school's students, up to an amount  
76 equal to the total number of such enrolled students as of October 1,  
77 2013, using the data of record, in the amount of eight thousand one  
78 hundred eighty dollars, and [(iv)] (IV) for each enrolled student who is  
79 not a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but  
80 not more than eighty per cent of the school's students, in an amount  
81 greater than the total number of such enrolled students as of October 1,  
82 2013, using the data of record, in the amount of seven thousand eighty-  
83 five dollars.

84 (ii) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year  
85 thereafter, each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional

86 educational service center that began operations for the school year  
87 commencing July 1, 2001, and that for the school year commencing  
88 July 1, 2008, enrolled at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than  
89 eighty per cent of the school's students from a single town, shall  
90 receive a per pupil grant (I) for each enrolled student who is a resident  
91 of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than  
92 eighty per cent of the school's students, up to an amount equal to the  
93 total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the  
94 data of record, in the amount of eight thousand three hundred forty-  
95 four dollars, (II) for each enrolled student who is a resident of the  
96 district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty  
97 per cent of the school's students, in an amount greater than the total  
98 number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data  
99 of record, in the amount of three thousand sixty dollars, (III) for each  
100 enrolled student who is not a resident of the district that enrolls at least  
101 fifty-five per cent, but no more than eighty per cent of the school's  
102 students, up to an amount equal to the total number of such enrolled  
103 students as of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the amount  
104 of eight thousand three hundred forty-four dollars, and (IV) for each  
105 enrolled student who is not a resident of the district that enrolls at least  
106 fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of the school's  
107 students, in an amount greater than the total number of such enrolled  
108 students as of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the amount  
109 of seven thousand two hundred twenty-seven dollars.

110 (D) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (D)(ii) of this  
111 [subparagraph] subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated  
112 by (I) a regional educational service center, (II) the Board of Trustees of  
113 the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-  
114 technical college, (III) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State  
115 University System on behalf of a state university, (IV) the Board of  
116 Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university,  
117 (V) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher  
118 education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the  
119 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of

120 higher education, except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (E) of  
121 this subdivision, (VI) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-  
122 158a, (VII) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved  
123 by the commissioner, and (VIII) the Hartford school district for the  
124 operation of Great Path Academy on behalf of Manchester Community  
125 College, that enrolls less than sixty per cent of its students from  
126 Hartford shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of nine  
127 thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars for the fiscal year ending  
128 June 30, 2010, [and] ten thousand four hundred forty-three dollars for  
129 the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2019, inclusive, and  
130 ten thousand six hundred fifty-two dollars for the fiscal year ending  
131 June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter.

132 (ii) For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2016, [and each fiscal  
133 year thereafter] to June 30, 2019, inclusive, any interdistrict magnet  
134 school described in subparagraph (D)(i) of this [subparagraph]  
135 subdivision that enrolls less than fifty per cent of its incoming students  
136 from Hartford shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of seven  
137 thousand nine hundred dollars for one-half of the total number of non-  
138 Hartford students enrolled in the school over fifty per cent of the total  
139 school enrollment and shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of  
140 ten thousand four hundred forty-three dollars for the remainder of the  
141 total school enrollment. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and  
142 each fiscal year thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school described in  
143 subparagraph (D)(i) of this subdivision that enrolls less than fifty per  
144 cent of its incoming students from Hartford shall receive a per pupil  
145 grant in the amount of eight thousand fifty-eight dollars for one-half of  
146 the total number of non-Hartford students enrolled in the school over  
147 fifty per cent of the total school enrollment and shall receive a per  
148 pupil grant in the amount of ten thousand six hundred fifty-two  
149 dollars for the remainder of the total school enrollment.

150 (E) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and each fiscal year  
151 thereafter, each interdistrict magnet school operated by the board of  
152 governors for an independent institution of higher education, as

153 defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a  
154 board, on behalf of the independent institution of higher education,  
155 that (i) began operations for the school year commencing July 1, 2014,  
156 (ii) enrolls less than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford  
157 pursuant to the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v.  
158 William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the 2013 stipulation and  
159 order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, and  
160 (iii) enrolls students at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a per  
161 pupil grant (I) equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount  
162 determined pursuant to subparagraph (D) of this subdivision for each  
163 student who is enrolled at such school for at least two semesters in  
164 each school year, and (II) equal to thirty-two and one-half per cent of  
165 the grant amount determined pursuant to subparagraph (D) of this  
166 subdivision for each student who is enrolled at such school for one  
167 semester in each school year.

168 (F) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a local or regional  
169 board of education, pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238  
170 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, shall  
171 receive a per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is not a  
172 resident of the district in the amount of (i) twelve thousand dollars for  
173 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, [and] (ii) thirteen thousand fifty-  
174 four dollars for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2019,  
175 inclusive, and (iii) thirteen thousand three hundred fifteen dollars for  
176 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter.

177 (G) In addition to the grants described in subparagraph (E) of this  
178 subdivision, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the commissioner  
179 may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
180 Management and the Finance Advisory Committee, established  
181 pursuant to section 4-93, provide supplemental grants to the Hartford  
182 school district of up to one thousand fifty-four dollars for each student  
183 enrolled at an interdistrict magnet school operated by the Hartford  
184 school district who is not a resident of such district.

185 (H) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year

186 thereafter, the half-day Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts  
187 interdistrict magnet school operated by the Capital Region Education  
188 Council shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant equal to sixty-five  
189 per cent of the per pupil grant specified in subparagraph (A) of this  
190 subdivision.

191 (I) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2018,  
192 inclusive, the half-day Greater Hartford Academy of Mathematics and  
193 Science interdistrict magnet school operated by the Capitol Region  
194 Education Council shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant equal to  
195 six thousand seven hundred eighty-seven dollars for (i) students  
196 enrolled in grades ten to twelve, inclusive, for the fiscal year ending  
197 June 30, 2016, (ii) students enrolled in grades eleven and twelve for the  
198 fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and (iii) students enrolled in grade  
199 twelve for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. For the fiscal year  
200 ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year thereafter, the half-day  
201 Greater Hartford Academy of Mathematics and Science interdistrict  
202 magnet school shall not be eligible for any additional grants pursuant  
203 to subsection (c) of this section.

204 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016, the  
205 department may limit payment to an interdistrict magnet school  
206 operator to an amount equal to the grant that such magnet school  
207 operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment level of the  
208 interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013. Approval of  
209 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized  
210 by the department as follows: (A) Increases in enrollment in an  
211 interdistrict magnet school program that is adding planned new grade  
212 levels for the school years commencing July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016;  
213 (B) increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program  
214 that added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing  
215 July 1, 2014, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30,  
216 2015; (C) increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school  
217 program that is moving into a permanent facility for the school years  
218 commencing July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2016, inclusive; (D) increases in

219 enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program to ensure  
220 compliance with subsection (a) of this section; and (E) new enrollments  
221 for a new interdistrict magnet school program commencing operations  
222 on or after July 1, 2014, pursuant to the 2013 stipulation and order for  
223 Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended. Any  
224 interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time, but  
225 at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five  
226 per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

227 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the department may  
228 limit payment to an interdistrict magnet school operator to an amount  
229 equal to the grant that such magnet school operator was eligible to  
230 receive based on the enrollment level of the interdistrict magnet school  
231 program on October 1, 2013, or October 1, 2015, whichever is lower.  
232 Approval of funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall  
233 be prioritized by the department as follows: (A) Increases in  
234 enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that is adding  
235 planned new grade levels for the school years commencing July 1,  
236 2015, and July 1, 2016; (B) increases in enrollment in an interdistrict  
237 magnet school program that added planned new grade levels for the  
238 school year commencing July 1, 2014, and was funded during the fiscal  
239 year ending June 30, 2015; (C) increases in enrollment in an  
240 interdistrict magnet school program that added planned new grade  
241 levels for the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and was funded  
242 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016; and (D) increases in  
243 enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program to ensure  
244 compliance with subsection (a) of this section. Any interdistrict magnet  
245 school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-time,  
246 shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the  
247 grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

248 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and within available  
249 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict  
250 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such  
251 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment



level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013, October 1, 2015, or October 1, 2016, whichever is lower. Approval of funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized by the department and subject to the commissioner's approval, including increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program as a result of planned and approved new grade levels. Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

(7) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and within available appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013, October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, or October 1, 2017, whichever is lower. Approval of funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized by the department and subject to the commissioner's approval, including increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program as a result of planned and approved new grade levels. Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

(8) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make grants to the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet school that assists the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner and that provide academic support programs and summer school educational programs approved by the commissioner to students participating in such interdistrict magnet school program: (A) Regional educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of education, (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on

285 behalf of a regional community-technical college, (D) the Board of  
286 Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state  
287 university, (E) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut  
288 on behalf of the university, (F) the board of governors for an  
289 independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection  
290 (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of  
291 the independent institution of higher education, (G) cooperative  
292 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (H) any other third-  
293 party not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner.

294 (9) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Education  
295 may make grants, in an amount not to exceed seventy-five thousand  
296 dollars, for start-up costs associated with the development of new  
297 interdistrict magnet school programs that assist the state in meeting its  
298 obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1  
299 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by  
300 the commissioner, to the following entities that develop such a  
301 program: (A) Regional educational service centers, (B) local and  
302 regional boards of education, (C) the Board of Trustees of the  
303 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-  
304 technical college, (D) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State  
305 University System on behalf of a state university, (E) the Board of  
306 Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university,  
307 (F) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher  
308 education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the  
309 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of  
310 higher education, (G) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section  
311 10-158a, and (H) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation  
312 approved by the commissioner.

313 (10) The amounts of the grants determined pursuant to this  
314 subsection shall be proportionately adjusted, if necessary, within  
315 available appropriations, and in no case shall the total grant paid to an  
316 interdistrict magnet school operator pursuant to this section exceed the  
317 aggregate total of the reasonable operating budgets of the interdistrict

319 sources.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-264l(c)
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**ED**      *Joint Favorable C/R*      APP

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*